

## IS THE BIG FOUR SLASHING?

Competitors Say the Ingalls Roads Are Secretly Cutting Freight Rates.

Good Showing of Earnings by Indiana Railways—The Ohio Southern in the Hands of the C. H. & D.—Cut Wool Rates.

Competitors of the Big Four are considerably exercised that this road is securing business from firms who for months past have been shipping by other lines. A Pennsylvania official claims to have proof that the Big Four is taking freight out of Peoria and Chicago at the rate proposed and voted down at the recent meeting in Chicago, and says that the threat to withdraw from the Central Traffic Association is merely to cover up such transactions. This official added that if the Big Four did withdraw from the Central Traffic Association he thought it would be a matter of time before the greatest freight rate war for years. Inquiry among freight officials of other roads than the Pennsylvania brought out no facts or remarks which would lead to the belief that there is anything in this talk of the Pennsylvania official as regards the Big Four now carrying business on a basis of 20 cents per hundred pounds, Chicago to the sea-board or from Peoria to the sea-board, or its proportionate rate.

## The Cut in Wool Rates.

It is more than probable that the cut in wool rates announced on Thursday will be extended to include shipments of that commodity from Montana points. At present the reductions apply only to compressed wool from Colorado and Utah. The Soo is quoting a rate of 75 cents per one hundred pounds from St. Paul to Boston on sack wool from Montana points. The Chicago lines have not attempted to meet this, because the rate from Montana points is the same to Omaha that it is to St. Paul. Consequently if the Western roads should, on their own responsibility, make a 75-cent rate from the Mississippi river, they would be compelled to haul the shipments free from the Missouri river to the Mississippi. The only way in which the Soo-line reduction can be met by way of Chicago is to prevail on the Chicago lines to reduce their rate from Montana points to Omaha, and the Union Pacific officials are to be consulted with this end in view. It is believed there will be no action in securing the co-operation of that road.

## Earnings Still Very Satisfactory.

Contrary to expectations, the roads crossing Indiana show, as a rule, increased earnings in the second week of April over those of the corresponding week of 1921. The Louisville, New Albany & Chicago leads, earning \$61,569, an increase over the same week last year of \$14,420. The Mackey lines all show increases, the Evansville & Terre Haute earning \$22,804; the Louisville, Evansville & Terre Haute, \$27,662, an increase this year of \$8,540; the Evansville & Indianapolis, \$6,641, an increase of \$1,425; and the Peoria & Evansville, \$15,227, an increase of \$2,002. The Chicago & West Michigan lines earned \$61,994, an increase of \$8,415, and the Peoria & Evansville, \$15,227, an increase of \$2,002. The Chicago & West Michigan lines, which have not yet made public the earnings of the second week, will show handsome gains, but it is feared that the third week of the month will not make so favorable an exhibit, because of bad weather, heavy rains interfering with the prompt movement of miscellaneous freight as well as grain.

## Who Owns the Ohio Southern?

Some ten days ago the Journal mentioned that the Eastern parties interested in the Ohio Southern road, Maxwell, Graves and others, had disposed of their interests in that property, wishing to devote their entire time and funds to Eastern roads in which they are large owners, but at the time it could only be ascertained that the road had passed into strong hands. The Journal now has information to the effect that the company controlling the road is the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, which now holds 98 per cent. of the capital stock. C. W. Fairbanks, who is one of the directors in the reorganized Ohio Southern company, is also a director in the C. H. & D. and general solicitor of that company. If the above be the fact, the C. H. & D. has got hold of a much more valuable property than the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Mackinaw, the Indianapolis, Decatur & Western, or the Iowa Central, as it secures a first-class road going a heavy business, and one which is steadily increasing.

## Personal, Local and General Notes.

W. E. Thurber, general Western agent of the Mexican National road, is in the city on official business.

Oscar Murray leaves to-night for an extended Western tour, to be followed by business, visiting Kansas City while absent.

Harrison township, Spencer county, by a handsome majority, voted a subsidy to the Indianapolis, Rockport & Chattanooga road.

On May 1, L. F. Loree, superintendent of the Cleveland & Pittsburg road, will remove his headquarters from Wellsville, O., to Cleveland.

The Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City, the Peoria & Eastern, and the Chicago & Indiana Coal-road companies will join and erect an interlocking signal switch at Veedersburg, Ind.

The passenger service on the Erie lines has greatly improved since D. L. Roberts became the general passenger agent. The Pullman company is building five complete vestibuled trains of six cars each for this road.

Competitors of the Pennsylvania lines claim to have discovered that this road secured the Young People's Christian Endeavor Association through proposition it was able to make in the way of sleeping-car service.

General Manager Dowle, of the Great Eastern fast-freight line, has decided to move his headquarters from Detroit to Buffalo, N. Y., where are the headquarters of the general managers of a number of fast-freight lines.

The through train between Brazil, Ind., and Chicago, recently put on over the Chicago & Indiana Coal road, is proving a paying one, and is very popular with people along the line, as they can go to Chicago and return the same day.

Lucien R. Adams, trainmaster of the Erie & Pittsburg road, died on Thursday of Bright's disease. He was pronounced in the yardmaster of the Parhandle line, twenty-one years ago, to the position that he held at the time of his death.

It is understood that Division Superintendent Frank J. Griffith will be appointed general superintendent of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, vice Andrew Reasoner, who retires on account of serious illness after a great many years of faithful service.

With the taking effect of the summer time table, train crews of the Big Four will run from Chicago and St. Paul, instead of stopping at Galien, as now, the piece of road between Galien and Bellefontaine coming under the supervision of the Cleveland division officials.

Rumor has it that Charles Neilson, general superintendent of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton road, is to soon retire, and will be succeeded by F. B. Drake, now general manager of the Cincinnati, Jackson & Mackinaw. Officials at this end of the line are not disposed to credit the report.

C. C. Pierce, jr., son of C. C. Pierce, of this city, is general manager of the Venice Transportation Company, a new fast-freight line. The company now has fifty cars in service and 450 more contracted for. One of its specialties will be the transporting of street cars, the company having one hundred cars built for such a purpose.

It was unofficially stated at New York, yesterday, that R. S. Hayes had accepted the presidency of the Union Pacific road. A conference was held yesterday and the board to be elected on April 27 was agreed on, but the parties holding control declined to give out their names. It is understood, however, that Jay Gould and Russell Sage will be dropped from the board.

The Monon and the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton and the Queen & Crescent roads will furnish a special train to carry the delegates of the 1922 National Telegraphers to Chattanooga, May 16, to attend

the annual meeting of the national association. Thirty other roads have given money to the convention, and the delegates of delegates when properly executed.

E. A. Peck, general superintendent of the Big Four lines, yesterday returned from a three-day inspection trip of the Michigan division of the Big Four lines. He says the road is in better condition than he had credited it with being on a less careful inspection. It is laid with steel from Rensselaire, Ind., to Benton Harbor, and well crossed-ties, and depots and bridges are in good condition. His power, as power is now rated, is rather light.

The Indianapolis & Vincennes road has passed through this week, in which streams have been so high, without any damage. Peoria and Chicago at the rate proposed and voted down at the recent meeting in Chicago, and says that the threat to withdraw from the Central Traffic Association is merely to cover up such transactions. This official added that if the Big Four did withdraw from the Central Traffic Association he thought it would be a matter of time before the greatest freight rate war for years.

A meeting of the passenger agents of the trunk-line Association was held in New York yesterday. At its conclusion, Commissioner Farmer stated that the meeting had been called to consider routine business and that nothing of interest had transpired. There was also a meeting of the representatives of the railroad companies which carry coal to New York. The object of the meeting was to agree on rates for coal to Western points. The meeting was harmonious and an agreement reached. The rates agreed on were not made public.

The general passenger agents of several of the leading Western roads had a conference at Chicago yesterday to decide whether they should follow the example of the Union Pacific and the Chicago & Kansas City in limiting all tickets to continuous passage. All present were in favor of doing so. The meeting adjourned with the understanding that the top-end privileges are to be abandoned at an early date, though no definite action was taken. The matter will be brought before the next meeting of the Western passenger agents and it is expected that a final settlement of the question will then be reached.

## PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. L. Closser will go to California in a short time to remain a year or more.

Mrs. W. A. Applegate has gone to Chicago to visit her daughter, Mrs. E. F. Cost.

Mrs. George C. Tanner has issued invitations for a reception Tuesday afternoon, from 2 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. H. M. Phillips, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. E. Allen, on North Maryland street.

Governor Chase and Private Secretary Roberts arrived home yesterday from Michigan, whither they went to attend the State convention.

Last evening Mr. A. R. Elam entertained the Bar Association socially at his home, on Park avenue. There was a large attendance and a very agreeable evening was the result.

The members of the sixth section of the Free Kindergarten will give a dance at the residence of Mr. Ferdinand Winter, next Friday evening, April 28. Miss Colgan and Miss Baker have been in charge of the party and will make it a great social as well as financial success. It is the one evening entertainment which the society gives during the year and should be generously patronized.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Winslow entertained their friends very handsomely last evening at a reception at their home, 330 North Meridian street. The gathering was for Mrs. Winslow's mother, Mrs. H. S. Eddy, of Milan, O. The assisting ladies were Mrs. James Jordan, of Madison, Ind.; Mrs. D. L. Wood, Mrs. Edward Rexford, Mrs. O. D. Weaver, Mrs. Solon Goode, Mrs. Minor, Miss Edith Fountain, Miss E. W. Parlow, Mrs. J. W. Wildman, Miss Winnie Goode.

In the spacious hall punch was served by Miss Hattie Fox and Miss Stella Rogers. The house was beautifully decorated with palms, plants and flowers, which filled the mantels and all available spaces and places. The entertainment in the dining room, entirely in forms and delicate leaves of the same strewed the table. Smiles wreathed the chandeliers, and made the room a home in the green. Her orchestra, in the adjacent room, furnished a programme of excellent music. About 180 were invited. There were no less regrets that the parties were held all the evening.

Mrs. John B. Elam was the hostess, yesterday, for one of the handsomest receptions of the season. The day was sufficiently bright to encourage the wearing of light gowns, and the guests appeared in all the richness and beauty of new garb, thus making the scene particularly brilliant.

Mrs. Elam was assisted by Mrs. E. J. Reinhard, Mrs. J. T. Locklear, Mrs. Stanton J. Peelle, Mrs. Noble C. Butler and Mrs. Ferdinand Winter. The drawing-room, where the party was held, was decorated with great bouquets of hyacinths and white lilies, the mirrors reflecting the colors and the room. In the library, refreshments were served from a bowl made of a block of ice, in which strawberries were frozen. Miss Lamb, Miss Polson, Miss Goodhart, Mrs. E. J. Reinhard and Mrs. E. J. Reinhard, Mrs. Stanton J. Peelle, Mrs. Noble C. Butler and Mrs. Ferdinand Winter. The drawing-room, where the party was held, was decorated with great bouquets of hyacinths and white lilies, the mirrors reflecting the colors and the room. In the library, refreshments were served from a bowl made of a block of ice, in which strawberries were frozen.

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flowers were his favorite and many of his ideas were gathered while watching them grow. He also loved all wild flowers and bowls and vases were filled with these and placed about the rooms. Daisies were also worn by all members of the club. In one of the class-room light refreshments were served. The entire building was open for a reception and several of the pupils from the domestic Training School performed the service of door-keepers and maids in the rooms where the guests left their wraps. The favors were medallions of clay, stamped with the school picture. Three hundred of these were sent to the school here by the pupils of the public kindergarten of St. Louis. There were also small cards, bearing a motto from Froebel and tied with the German and American colors—red, white, blue and black. Flags of the two countries were draped over the doors and appeared in other places in the rooms. The Young America Orchestra of guitars and mandolins, furnished beautiful music. In response to the invitations, which were sent to all the leading schools of the country, greetings to the Froebel Club in acknowledgment were received. All superintendents know one another, and the good work in one city is known in every other. Indianapolis is particularly fortunate in having Mrs. Blaker at the head of the kindergarten work, and she is deeply appreciated. A ready response which is given to every call for the furtherance of the work. When it is better known that the training-school furnishes teachers for all parts of the United States, then can an idea be gained of the breadth. Over two thousand poor children are taught in the free kindergarten schools of this city, and the whole is supported by the citizens, who give willingly, as they know the reform begun in little children is better than prisons and reformatories.

Mrs. John Crank, of Hall, is visiting here. Mrs. Calvin Wilson, of Zionsville, is in the city. Mrs. C. F. Rhoads, of the family, has removed to Logansport. Miss Vellie Shaffer has gone to Chicago. Mrs. Leo Levi, of Cairo, Ill., will spend the summer with Joseph Lieber's family. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. McKinney, of Indianapolis, have been visiting J. L. Barnhart and wife. Miss Alice Palmer, of Frankfort, visited here last Sunday. Mrs. Alice Newby, of Indianapolis, has been visiting relatives here. Mrs. T. T. McClure and children, of Indianapolis, are visiting. Mrs. Lella Welker, of Vincennes, is visiting here. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Leonard, of Indianapolis, are visiting here. Mrs. Kate Sloan has returned from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Mrs. Edna Wilson has returned from Chattanooga, Tenn. Mrs. Lella Welker, of Vincennes, is visiting here. Mrs. T. T. McClure and children, of Indianapolis, are visiting. Mrs. Lella Welker, of Vincennes, is visiting here. 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